

## Who is Stan Hathaway?

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### Stanley K. Hathaway

In 1969, Governor Stan Hathaway pushed for the creation of Wyoming's first mineral severance tax, as well as a constitutional amendment creating the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund.



The Permanent Mineral Trust Fund required the legislature to impose a 1.5 percent tax on the extraction of minerals, the proceeds of which were deposited in the Trust Fund. The principal of the Trust Fund can never be spent. The Trust Fund balance is now more than \$2.25 billion. The income from the Trust goes into the State's general fund to pay for State operations.

The concept of the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund led the 2005 Wyoming Legislature to authorize the creation of a \$400 million permanent endowment that would fund scholarships for qualified Wyoming high school graduates to attend the University of Wyoming or any state community college. In recognition of Hathaway's contributions to higher education, the Fund was named the Hathaway Student Scholarship Endowment Account, and the scholarship program was named for him.

His tenure as Governor was marked by reorganization of state government and passage of environmental laws – the enactment of air and water quality standards, surface mining regulations, and the creation of the Department of Environmental Quality. Wyoming's economy was in the doldrums when he was elected governor, but Hathaway set in motion a number of initiatives which turned the economy around and saw it booming by the time he left office.

After retiring from the governor's office in 1975, Hathaway was nominated and served under President Gerald Ford as secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Stan Hathaway died in October 2005.

## **Stan Hathaway - 'Wyoming's favorite son'** **by Robin Beaver**



Heroes and great leaders rise from the most unexpected places.

The late Wyoming Gov. Stan Hathaway spent his earliest years living in a tent on a homestead near Torrington with his adoptive parents. Later, he and his family would live in a granary, until his father built a hay barn and a one-room house.

They didn't have indoor plumbing or electricity, but their riches included three milk cows, a flock of chickens, six hogs and a garden.

Cow chips, along with coal, kept the stove ablaze during the winter months.

"The Hathaways may have been poor, but Stan came from a loving home," said close friend Sally Vanderpoel, author of "Stan Hathaway: A Biography."

Following the war and college, he returned to Torrington in 1950 to start a law practice.

Hathaway's life was anything but easy.

For years after serving as a gunner in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he would relive the nightmares of those days in his dreams.

It was one of the "tragedies of all time," Vanderpoel said in a recent interview.

Hathaway's 401st Heavy Bombardment Group suffered a high casualty rate, and one of his missions ended in a crash-landing in France.

Another time, "planes were falling around him," added Vanderpoel. "A bomb got hung up in the bomb bay, and (his plane) couldn't land. Stan was selected to stand on the ledge of the bay and kick the bomb off into the English Channel. It was terrifying for the crewmembers."

Hathaway participated in 35 successful missions over France and Germany and was honored with numerous medals.

"None of us (was) born to be heroes," he once said of his years in the war. "We simply did what we had to do at the time, and God would take care of us whatever happened..."

These humble words exemplify the life and values of Wyoming's Republican governor from 1967-75.

'Sense of loyalty'

Hathaway always got things done, recalls Rep. Jim Hageman.

They were fishing on a narrow creek on Hageman's ranch once, and the fish wouldn't bite for anyone - except for Hathaway, who had them lined up on the bank.

"It was just like Stan -- he was a 'doer' all of his life," Hageman said.

Brent Kunz, Hathaway's longtime law partner, concurs.

When Hathaway first became governor, "there was no revenue. We were in the red, with no money to pay bills," Kunz recalls. "Stan came in and created the state's first mineral severance tax and then the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund.

Those funds later would help the state in times as now, where the state enjoys a \$2 billion surplus.

"There were no environmental laws, and he drafted the Environmental Quality Act. ... He was very dedicated," Kunz said, adding, "the seeds of which were learned on the homestead during the Depression."

"Selfless" is a word often used to describe Hathaway.

"Stan felt his country provided him many opportunities, and because he survived (the war), he had a duty to repay. He had a deep, significant sense of loyalty," explains Kunz.



'Favorite son'

During his 1970 inauguration, Hathaway said: "Our tenure is only temporary in time. We must develop our human and spiritual values as well as our material values. We must all work together to build a better Wyoming. ..."

Hathaway has been called "Wyoming's favorite son" not only because he was a loyal friend to many, but also because he cared deeply about Wyoming and its people.

Kunz believes Hathaway was successful politically and financially, but his philosophy was this:

"Be true to yourself and to your values. Success isn't measured by material wealth or political office, but by the service you provide to family, friends and country."

#### Timeline:

1950	Established law practice in Torrington
1953-62	Goshen County Attorney
1967-75	Governor, State of Wyoming
1969	Enacted Wyoming's first mineral severance tax
1974	Enacted constitutional amendment created Permanent Mineral Trust Fund
1975	U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C. (one month)
1975	Established law firm of Hathaway, Speight and Kunz in Cheyenne
	Areas of Practice Emphasis: Administrative Law; Environmental and Natural Resource Law; Estate Planning and Probate; and Limited Civil Litigation
2005	Wyo. Legislature created Hathaway Student Scholarship Endowment Account